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Those needing his services will  
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make appointments to suit con-  
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office.

## MARLINTON

### DR. J. H. WEYMOUTH WRITES UP THE TOWN.

The Following is From the Randolph  
Enterprise.

Situated on the south bank of  
the Greenbrier river and at the  
confluence of Knapp's creek,  
which has its source in the Alle-  
gheny mountains, is the pretty  
town of Marlinton, the county  
seat of Pocahontas, which in for-  
mer days and before it even be-  
came a village, was known as  
Marline Bottom, which extended  
from the mouth of Stony creek to  
that of Knapp's, which consisted  
of rich loamy soil, whose pro-  
duction was equal to that of the  
James river bottoms.

Pocahontas is one among the  
old counties of the state, having  
been formed about 1821 or 1822,  
the name being connected with  
the early history of Virginia.  
The county seat was situated at  
Huntersville, six miles south of  
the present location, until a few  
years ago, when by a vote of the  
people it was removed to Marl-  
inton, and a large new court house  
and jail have been erected.

While Pocahontas in the past  
has been mostly an agricultural  
and stock country, the advent of  
the railroad has almost revolution-  
ized the business of this staid old  
county. Capital is being invested  
on every hand, industries are  
springing up and in a few years  
will make it one of the wealthiest  
and prosperous counties in the  
state, and yet there are still a few  
old moss backs left, but very few,  
who travel in the old beaten paths  
of their grandfathers, who say  
that railroads are no good to a  
country.

A few years ago Col. John T.  
McGraw, being associated with a  
number of capitalists, invested  
very largely in Pocahontas county  
lands, notably at Marlinton, with  
the prospect of the W. Va. & P.  
Ry. being extended from Camden-  
on-Gauley to Marlinton. His in-  
vestment in large farms at that  
place amounted to over \$100,000.  
Although a route was surveyed  
from Camden-on-Gauley up to  
Williams river and down Stony  
Creek to Marlinton by the engi-  
neer corps under Capt. Harry, yet  
not a shovel full of dirt was ever  
thrown and the project finally ab-  
andoned. Recently the C. & O.  
R. extended their line from Ron-  
coverte to Durbin, which was  
done through the influence and  
energy of Col. John T. McGraw,  
who had made too large an invest-  
ment in Pocahontas to let it re-  
main idle.

The people who had purchased  
at Marlinton became discouraged  
some sold out and went to other  
points. Those who had faith and  
knowing of the wealth lying dor-  
mant in the rich forest of the  
Upper Pocahontas valley abided  
their time and are now reaping  
the benefits of the development  
which the construction of the rail-  
road has brought about.

It had been about five years  
since we had visited Pocahontas  
county and were surprised as well  
as pleased to note the great im-  
provement that had taken place  
in that time. Marlinton contains  
land enough to build a large city.

The town which is owned by the  
Pocahontas Development com-  
pany, is laid off in broad avenues  
running back from the river to  
the foot hills near the court house  
a distance of over a mile, and  
extending several miles up and  
down the river. The railroad  
crosses Knapp's creek near where  
it empties into the Greenbrier and  
passes through the centre of the  
town. Near the business portion  
of the town the C. & O. R. have  
erected a commodious passenger  
depot, in which are located the  
telegraph and freight department.  
Many fine residences have been  
erected as well as some of the  
most substantial business blocks.  
There are two churches Presby-  
terian and M. E. Church South, as

well as several large mercantile  
establishments. The hotel ac-  
commodations are not what they  
should be for a town like Marl-  
inton while accommodations can be  
offered at ordinary terms, yet  
when the Court is in session the  
crowd is too large for the present  
number of hotels. The town did  
have a very commodious hotel in  
what is now the business part of  
the town but unfortunately that  
was destroyed by fire a few years  
ago.

Marlinton has enterprising men  
of means, who would find the  
erection of a large and commod-  
ious hotel not only an ornament  
to the town but a paying invest-  
ment.

The town has two papers, The  
Pocahontas Times and The Mar-  
linton Messenger, the former  
democratic and the latter republi-  
can, both of which wield consid-  
erable influence in the affairs of  
the county. The Times was es-  
tablished 22 years ago by H. B.  
Marshall and J. B. Canfield, the  
press and material being hauled  
overland from Beverly to Hun-  
tersville. The Price Bros. are  
now the proprietors, with our  
friend Andrew Price as editor,  
who is ably assisted by his vener-  
able father, Rev. W. T. Price,  
who is an able writer and who  
has done much for the material  
good of his native county with  
both tongue and pen.

The Messenger is a well con-  
ducted newspaper being edited by  
Mr. R. A. Kramer, a 300 pounder,  
who is a survivor of the Chicka-  
mauga campaign during the  
Spanish-American War, who shows  
ability as a newspaper man.

Marlinton will soon have an im-  
portant industry that will materi-  
ally increase the population of the  
population of the town. The Uni-  
ted States Leather Company are  
erecting a large tannery in the up-  
per part of the town which when  
in operation will employ a large  
number of men. The large bark  
sheds have been erected and a  
large amount of hemlock and oak  
bark has been stored in them and  
is being constantly added to. The  
main building is being erected  
and machinery placed in position.  
It is hardly probable that the tan-  
nery will be completed and in op-  
eration before spring. Many com-  
fortable dwellings are being erec-  
ted near the tannery to accommo-  
date their various employees.

Up to a few years ago most of  
the banking business of Pocahontas  
county was transacted through  
the banks of Greenbrier county  
and the Elkline National Bank.

When some of the leading busi-  
ness men established the Bank of  
Marlinton. Their business increas-  
ing they erected a large three  
story brick building on the main  
street. The corner room which  
is nicely fitted up is occupied by  
the bank, the other two store  
rooms are occupied by Dr. Wallace  
as a drug store and the Pocahontas  
Bargain House. The second  
and third floors are used for  
offices and apartments. The bank  
has done a prosperous business  
since it began in June, 1899, with  
a capital of \$25,000. The direc-  
tors are composed of some of the  
most reliable business men of the  
county. The present officers are  
M. J. McNeel, President, F. R.  
Hunter, Cashier, Hubert Echols,  
Teller.

On the opposite side of the  
street and near the depot, is the  
large three story building, now  
nearly completed, of the First  
National Bank of Marlinton. It  
was formerly the Pocahontas Bank  
and the second one established in  
the place, being chartered as a  
State bank October, 1899, and be-  
gan business in a frame building  
November following. They oc-  
cupied the frame building until  
1902 when it was destroyed by  
fire. They then purchased the  
property which they now occupy  
while their new building is being  
constructed. After the bank was  
burned out it was reorganized as  
a National Bank December, 1902,  
with a capital of \$25,000 and be-  
gan business as such January,  
1903. Their new banking build-  
ing is an imposing three-story

structure, the brick for which was  
shipped from Lynchburg. The  
contractor is Mr. Edward King,  
one of the most skillful workmen  
in that section of the State.

The building is 50x60 feet, the  
corner room facing the depot will  
be used by the bank and the oth-  
ers will be occupied by the post  
office and a furnishing store. The  
second floor will be used as offices  
while the third floor will be con-  
verted into a large hall to be used  
by the Masonic Fraternity, with  
all necessary annexments. The  
building will be heated by steam  
and lighted by electricity from the  
tannery.

The First National Bank of  
Marlinton is backed by some of  
the most substantial business men  
of Pocahontas and has done a  
very prosperous business, the ear-  
nings having been up to this time  
11 per cent. The present officers are  
Geo. P. Moore, President;  
C. E. Beard and L. M. McNeel, Vice-  
Presidents; and J. A. Syden-  
stricker, Cashier. Mr. Geo. P.  
Moore who is recognized as the  
most successful business man of  
Pocahontas county, has been in-  
defatigable in the construction of  
the new building in seeing that  
every detail is faithfully carried  
out.

Marlinton is bound to prosper  
as it has energetic business men  
with the vim to encourage every  
legitimate enterprise.

Marlinton like other portions of  
Pocahontas county was the scene  
of stirring events during the Civil  
War. The greater portion of the  
people being ultra Southern in  
their sentiments espoused that  
cause and furnished many troops  
to the Southern army, while some  
entered the Federal army. One  
of the most hotly contested bat-  
tles of this section took place on  
Droop Mountain 20 miles south  
of Marlinton. It was here and at  
Huntersville that the noted chieftain  
Gen. R. E. Lee in the latter  
part of 1861 assembled his forces  
previous to their march to Valley  
Mountain. Many of his troops  
being from the South could not  
stand the climate and succumbed to  
measles and other diseases. A  
season of refreshing encourage-  
ment at Appi Forum and the  
three Taverns, then may we not  
think it strange should dark days  
befall us, sooner or later in the  
future.

Soon it was all aboard for up  
the Greenbrier valley and sooner  
than it takes to tell it, the conduc-  
tor had me by the arm to let me  
off, a solitary passenger for the  
Barneides siding, here I began  
a tramp up a ravine leading to  
the Little Levels that I had not  
passed over since the dawning of  
an August morning in 1846, while  
returning from the Laurel Run  
Springs where I had spent the  
night in vigils near the remains  
of Mrs. Hannah Gatewood War-  
wick, by common consent she  
was regarded as one very superi-  
or person intellectually and per-  
sonally. Time nor space are  
available to tell the story of her  
brief life her lingering illness  
and how sweetly she breathed  
her spirit away just as the sun  
seemed lingering above the leafy  
crests of the hills, so close at  
hand as it all ought to be re-  
hearsed. The shadows of even-  
ing closed rapidly around me,  
and by the time I reached the  
uplands day had gone and the  
moon and evening star in close  
proximity were blending their  
serene and scintillating beams  
while beautifully proclaiming to  
the Little Levels the hand that  
made them was Divine.

Mistaking the grove near  
Squire Curry's for the orchard I  
was aiming for that surround  
Alvin Clarke's quiet home, I went  
out of my way and only became  
aware of my mistake by meeting  
two little girls in spotless white  
driving cows to the pasture after  
milking times. A few steps fur-  
ther on I met Mrs. Curry who  
had come out to see that nothing  
should frighten the little girls like  
ghosts or pigaboos. The trio  
offered to pilot me across the  
fields a much higher way if I  
were not afraid of climbing fences.  
I had to repeat my standing  
challenge that I draw a line at  
nothing less than fourteen rails  
high as to fencing obstructions.  
That unlooked for ramble across  
the lately mown meadows with the  
bleeding light of moon and eve-  
ning star accompanied by Mrs.  
Squire Curry and the little white  
robed girls, Georgie Curry and  
Bertha Overholt make an interest-  
ing picture in my bonfire of re-  
miniscent imagery. And to help  
matters along the party claimed  
to be well acquainted with me

## Weights of Cattle.

Samuel Sheets reports the  
weighting of the largest two year  
old steers of the season. He sold  
eleven which had been grazed on  
Uriah Hevener's land to A. C.  
Dixon and T. K. Moore which  
averaged 1123 pounds each.  
They ranged from 1099 to 1360  
pounds.

## WAYSIDE NOTES

### A CONTINUANCE OF THE PRES- BYTERIAL TRIP.

At the Joliet Sunday School Picnic  
In the Levels.

Finally the time to leave Fall-  
ing Springs, with its kind people  
and suggestive historic associa-  
tions, arrived and preparations  
made for returning to our respec-  
tive homes.

Blessed is the tie that binds  
the hearts of men as one in Chris-  
tian love, when thus found the  
fellowship of such minds is like  
to that we are hoping for beyond  
the anxious and oerclouding pres-  
ent. To notice the christian  
brotherhood clasp their parting hands  
and listen to their kind words of  
farewell, hoping and wishing that  
God would ever be with us all,  
whether meeting again in his  
earthly courts or at the feet of  
Jesus, inspires an assured hope  
that there is something good in  
store for our common humanity.

Obtuse indeed must be the heart  
that will not thank God when see-  
ing and hearing all this and not  
take refreshing courage, hoping  
for the best yet preparing for the  
perilous times now seemingly  
casting their shadows before all  
which appear so plainly to Dr.  
Lacy from his position on the  
walls of Zion as a watchman of  
more than ordinary vigilance.  
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season of refreshing encourage-  
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panorama displayed that ideal  
morning, I found as I so often  
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adequate words to describe so as  
to do justice to the theme, I felt  
it would be better to abstain from  
all effort at making a word pic-  
ture of what was to be seen and  
mused upon by simply saying to  
my kind readers that I have no  
anticipations of seeing anything  
more beautiful and personally in-  
teresting to me, until I meet them  
in the land of pure delight where  
sweet fields ever stand dressed in  
living green there were generous  
fruits never fail and where flow  
the streams of unending delight-  
ful enjoyment.

While parties were occupied in  
spreading the dinner, the boys  
and the girls departed themselves  
under the shade of the grand old  
trees, that were so abundant. It  
must have been just such a shade  
that charmed Stonewall Jackson's  
dying moments, when he uttered  
the words, "Let us rest under the  
shade of the trees." About two  
hundred persons were present  
when dinner was announced, and  
when all had assembled at the  
tables the words, Praise God  
from whom all blessings flow,  
were sung in a manner not often  
heard. And then as arranged by  
two Pastors Dr. Sydenstricker  
and Bro. Lynch the Rev. Charles  
J. Lynch invoked the blessing by a  
brief but copious prayer.

from reading so many of my  
pieces in the Times. Mrs. Curry  
moreover polished up some very  
nice words about what a wonder-  
ful book she had found the Poc-  
ahontas History to be. All this  
made me feel that I could have  
walked with my guides until  
broad day light and been content  
to get to Alvin Clarke's in time for  
breakfast. As it was however  
Mrs. Curry intimated if I were  
going to Mr. Clarke, I had better  
climb the fence, at the place she  
pointed out. She and the little  
girls held my luggage and gave  
me a lift to the top of the fence  
and while they remembered Lot's  
wife I safely got down on the  
other side and resumed my lonely  
tramp while they returned to  
breakfast.

In a few minutes more I was at  
the home I was aiming for and  
met a reception that bewildered  
me, while aged cousins, middle  
aged cousins, juvenile cousins and  
pet grandchild had been wonder-  
ing why I was so long coming  
and had about given up looking  
for me. It was very agreeable to  
hear that Messrs. Wash Hill and  
Tom Sydenstricker aided by many  
lady friends had arranged for a  
picnic in the Kennison woods for  
Saturday Oct. 30th, in honour of  
the two Hillsboro Sunday Schools.  
In the morning I was borne in  
princely style to the picnic grounds  
in Tom Sydenstricker's surrey, driv-  
en by Mrs. Blanche Sydenstricker  
accompanied by her sister, Mrs.  
Grace Price of Marlinton and  
their four little daughters, Anne,  
Mary, Agnes and Margaret.  
The carriage stopped at the edge  
of the woods and a tramp of three  
or four hundred yards was to be  
made by the party. I started out  
with valise and umbrella in my  
right hand, and a luscious pound-  
cake under my left arm but I was  
relieved of the cake before I had  
gone very far by sympathetic  
helpful friends. Upon reaching  
the appointed place I found there  
would be ample time for a solitary  
stroll towards the forest crowned  
summit of the Kennison hill at  
whose base the picnic arrange-  
ments were in progress, tables  
were arranged in a hollow square.  
The provisions were stored in the  
inclosure thus made and it was  
also occupied by those persons  
who attended to spreading the  
dinner.

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looked out upon the charming  
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The dinner was served freely  
and informally and special pains  
taken to see after the smaller  
guests, so as not to pass any one  
by. Bountiful lunches were sent  
to some that were ill or unavoid-  
ably detained. Dinner over and  
the things laid by the pic-nickers  
arranged themselves in harmony  
with their preferential affluities

some of the boys extemporized  
games in one part of the woods  
and some of the girls found prom-  
ising more to their taste while the  
older people sandwiched by a  
very choice element of the young-  
er people gathered around "Uncle  
Billy" to hear what he might  
have to say.

At the instance of Washington  
Hill, the speaker stood on the big  
pantry that had been provided for  
storing away the supplies and as  
the supplies though plentiful were  
not as they had been, ample  
room was found available for a  
platform. The speaker said he  
had looked forward to this oc-  
casion and believed it would be  
numbered among the red letter  
days of his life. For him it was  
a day of long and arduous labors.

ple of the Little Levels and  
natural scenes familiar to him for  
65 years. Here is where his  
character at the formative period  
was mainly matured and the piv-  
otal points of his life mainly oc-  
curred that shaped his destiny  
for time and eternity. In giving  
an idea of what he thought of the  
boys and girls in the homes  
around here fifty or sixty years  
ago he would borrow an idea  
from what Ward Beecher said  
about strawberries. Beecher was  
in the habit of saying, the creator  
may have made better berries  
than strawberries but such had  
never come his way. The picnic  
speaker observed the creator may  
make finer boys and prettier girls  
but they had not come his way;  
previously to his being sent to the  
Levels schools taught in the  
radius of a mile or so of the place  
where he was standing at that  
picnic moment. Long afterwards  
whenever he would read of some  
fine boy in books, he imagined  
he looked like some boy, he had  
gone to school within the Levels.

And whenever he dreamed see-  
ing angels, every last one of them  
would look like some Levels girl.  
It will require several articles to  
report that picnic speech and so  
I will just intimate to the reader  
that possibly it may be reported  
in future Notes by the Way.

W. T. P.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an  
election will be held at the vari-  
ous voting places of Pocahontas  
county, West Virginia, Tuesday  
the 3rd day of November, 1903,  
in pursuance of the annexed act  
of the Legislature:

(Senate Bill No. 89.)  
CHAPTER 62.

AN ACT to reform, alter, and  
modify the county court of the  
county of Pocahontas, under the  
twenty-ninth section of the  
eighth article of the constitu-  
tion of the State of West Vir-  
ginia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of  
West Virginia:

Sec. 1. The county of Poca-  
hontas shall be laid off into four  
districts as nearly equal as may  
be in territory and population.  
The present divisions of said county  
into districts shall constitute  
such districts until changed by the  
county court in the manner pro-  
vided by law. The county court  
established in the said county, by  
the eighth article of the constitu-  
tion of this State, is hereby refor-  
med, altered and modified that is  
to say: The county court of the  
county of Pocahontas shall be  
composed of one commissioner  
from each district of said county,  
who shall be a resident of his dis-  
trict and shall hold his office for  
a term of two years. Should any  
commissioner remove from the  
district at the time of his election,  
his office shall thereby become va-  
cant. The office of commissioner  
and justice of the peace shall be  
deemed incompatible. Each com-  
missioner shall receive for his ser-  
vice two dollars for each day he  
shall attend the court, to be paid  
out of the county treasury.

Sec. 2. At the general election  
in the month of November, one  
thousand nine hundred and four,  
and at each succeeding general  
election, there shall be elected by  
the voters of each of said districts  
one commissioner, whose term of  
office shall commence on the first  
day of January next after his elec-  
tion, and continue two years.

Sec. 3. So far as they are not  
inconsistent herewith, all the pro-  
visions of chapter thirty nine, of

the code of West Virginia, "con-  
cerning county courts, their juris-  
diction and powers," and all pro-  
visions of law respecting county  
courts generally, the commission-  
ers composing such courts, and the  
clerk of such courts, shall be ap-  
plicable to the county court here-  
in provided, and to the commis-  
sioners composing the same; and  
the clerk of the county court of  
Pocahontas county now in office,  
and his successors, shall be clerk  
of the county court herein pro-  
vided. A majority of such commis-  
sioners shall be a quorum for the  
transaction of business.

Sec. 4. The first meeting of the  
county court herein provided, shall  
be held on the first Monday in  
January, in the year nineteen  
hundred and five, or as soon there-  
after as a majority of them may  
assemble for the purpose, at which  
time, and annually thereafter, at  
their first meeting to each year, or  
as soon thereafter as practicable,  
they shall elect one of their num-  
ber president of the court.

Sec. 5. At an election to be  
held for this purpose on the first  
Tuesday after the first Monday in  
November, one thousand nine hun-  
dred and three, the question of  
the adoption of the system, pro-  
vided by this act, shall be submit-  
ted to the voters of the county of  
Pocahontas voting at such elec-  
tion. Notice of such election  
shall be given by the publi-  
cation of this act, in each  
newspaper published in said  
county, once in each week for four  
successive weeks; but the failure  
to give such notice shall not in-  
validate the election to be held here-  
under. Those voting for said sys-  
tem shall have written or printed  
on their ballots the words "For  
modification of county court," and  
those voting against it shall have  
written or printed on their ballots  
"Against modification of county  
court;" and the clerk of the county  
court of said county is hereby  
directed to provide and have printed  
a ballot of convenient size,  
distinctly printed, and in form  
substantially as follows:

BALLOT FOR CHANGE OF COUNTY COURT.  
For Modification of County Court.  
Against Modification of County Court.

The same number of said bal-  
lots shall be printed and shall be  
supplied to the several voting  
places in each district, and paid  
for in the same manner as is pro-  
vided and set out and specified in  
chapter three of the code of West  
Virginia. The commissioners of  
election at the several voting  
places in each county shall, upon  
request, furnish to each voter one  
of said separate ballots to be used  
by him for voting on the question  
of said change, but any voter shall  
also have the right to vote on the  
question of said proposed change  
by any other ballot, written or  
printed, which he may see fit to  
use, and which sufficiently dis-  
closes his intention; and no ballot  
cast at said election on the ques-  
tion of the proposed change shall  
be rejected if it sufficiently ap-  
pears therefrom what the voter  
intended; and it shall be the duty  
of the clerk of the county court  
of said county to have said publi-  
cation of said notice made in the  
manner herein prescribed.

Sec. 6. The election to be held  
under this act on the said first  
Tuesday after the first Monday in  
November, one thousand nine hun-  
dred and three, shall be held, con-  
ducted superintended and return-  
ed, in the same manner as now  
provided by law for the election  
of members of the legislature; and  
all persons entitled to vote at a  
general election in this State shall  
be entitled to vote at any election  
held under this act. The county  
court of said county shall at a reg-  
ular or special session thereof,  
held not later than the first Tues-  
day in October, one thousand nine  
hundred and three, appoint three  
commissioners of election for each  
voting place in said county, as  
provided by law, and the result at  
each place of voting shall be cer-  
tified and returned to the county  
court of said county, and said  
court shall ascertain and declare  
the result of said election the same  
as the result of election of mem-  
bers of the legislature is ascer-  
tained and declared, under the  
laws of this State, and especi-  
ally chapter three of the code of  
one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-nine as amended, as far as  
they are applicable thereto.

Sec. 7. If the majority of the  
votes cast upon the question be  
"For Modification of County  
Court" this act shall be and re-  
main in full force and effect, but  
if a majority of such votes be  
"Against Modification of County  
Court" this act shall be of no fur-  
ther effect.

S. L. BROWN,  
Clerk of County Court.